37th Annual CASFM Conference

2026 Call for Abstracts

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What's New

We're designing this year's conference for **clarity, relevance, and real-world impact** — with stronger learning pathways, practical takeaways, and a smart mix of technical and professional growth.

Why it matters:
We want attendees to easily find what fits their needs — and presenters to clearly understand what we're looking for.

Topic Areas

Field Skills
Site work, inspections, monitoring, lessons from the field.

Technical Skills
Modeling, tools, design methods, innovation.

Floodplain & Stormwater Practice
Policy, Implementation, real-world ops.

Human Skills
Communication, facilitation, conflict resolution, collaboration.

Management
Teams, budgets, risk, change.

Leadership
Vision, decision-making, ethics, leading through uncertainty.

What To Expect

Session Structure
Sessions are grouped into **cohesive multi-hour blocks** by topic — not just random presentations.

Each block may include:
- A **featured speaker** (big-picture framing, when applicable)
- Several **shorter talks** (15 or 30 mins) focused on specific tools, lessons, or skills

Strong content that doesn't neatly fit a topic block still has a shot.

Learning Focus: Learn vs. Apply
We're asking you to pick the **primary learning style** of your session:
- **Learn** – Teach ideas, share insights, build understanding
- **Apply** – Guide participants through real-time practice and exercises

Presentation Formats
- **15 mins** – Straight presentation (no Q&A)
- **30 mins** – 25 min talk + 5 min Q&A
- **1–4 hour extended** – Immersive, hands-on, deep dive

All formats welcome both Learn and Apply styles, and both are essential to a strong program. Featured speakers are selected separately.

What Makes a Strong Abstract
Craft a clear, focused abstract. Show us what attendees will learn, do, or take away — and how it fits the bigger picture. Selection is competitive — up to 50% are not accepted.

Stand out by being:
- **Aligned** with one topic
- **Cohesive** with session blocks
- **Specific and outcome-driven**

Past success doesn't guarantee acceptance.

Ready to Submit?

Abstracts must be submitted online via the electronic submittal form here by close of business on **Monday, April 6, 2026.** You can also find the link for the submittal form at casfm.org/annual-conference/. The selection committee anticipates that emails will be sent out by early May notifying you whether or not your submission was selected.

Please note that all presenters are required to be paid and registered conference attendees. Current information on the conference will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

A total of 12 CEUs are possible by attending the conference.

Abstract Deadline: Monday, April 6, 2026

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